GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7064
ANSWERED ON:14.05.2002
GORKHA HILL COUNCIL
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Gorkha Hill Council of Darjeeling is considering to have direct plan allocation/assistance to the Hill Council not through the State Government;

(b) whether such proposal have been considered;

(c) whether the additional plan allocation for Hill Council of Darjeeling is under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c)&(d): Planning Commission recommends the releases under the Hill Areas Development Programme (HADP) to the designated hill areas of Darjeeling district. Further, the border blocks of Darjeeling district are also covered under the Border Areas Development Programme (BADP).Under both these programmes, funds are released to the concerned State Government for further spatial and sectoral allocation.